

Court of Appeals

Article IV, State Constitution; RCW 2.06

Request	\$33,758,000	
Net change from current biennium	\$2,148,180	Increase
Percent change from current biennium	6.8%	Increase

The Court of Appeals is a non-discretionary appellate court; it must accept all appeals filed with it. Most cases appealed from superior courts go directly to the Court of Appeals. The Court of Appeals has authority to reverse (overrule), remand (send back to the lower court), modify, or affirm the decision of the lower court. The court decides each case after reviewing the transcript of the record in the superior court and considering the arguments of the parties. Generally, the court hears oral arguments in each case but it does not take live testimony. Decisions of the Court of Appeals are appealed to the Supreme Court. The court is divided into three divisions, each of which serves a specific geographic area of the state: Division I is located in Seattle; Division II is located in Tacoma; and Division III is located in Spokane.

Agency Mission

The Court of Appeals, pursuant to Article IV, Section 30 of the Washington State Constitution and Chapter 2.06 RCW, is the state's non-discretionary appellate court with authority to reverse (overrule), remand (send back to lower court), modify or affirm the decisions of the lower courts. The court's mission remains one of providing an independent, accessible, and responsive forum for the just resolution of disputes.

Agency Level Summary

Operating Budget: Summary

2013-15 Appropriations		Appropriated Funds	Expenditures		
Amount	Estimated Balance		2011-13 Actual	2013-15 Estimated	2015-17 Proposed
31,676,000	217,868	General Fund - Basic Account - State	30,187,587	31,458,132	33,758,000
		Non-Appropriated Funds			
		Savings Incentive Account - Non-Appropriated		151,688	

Operating Budget: Change from Preceding Biennium

	2011-13 Actual		2013-15 Estimated		2015-17 Proposed	
	Amount	Percent	Amount	Percent	Amount	Percent
Total	(879,140)	(2.8)%	1,422,233	4.7%	2,148,180	6.8%

Employment Summary

	2012-13 Actual	2013-14 Estimated	2014-15 Estimated	2015-16 Proposed	2016-17 Proposed
FTE Staff Years	132.9	132.0	141.3	139.9	141.3